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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-43 and 45-52 stand rejected.

Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-43 and 45-52 remain in this application.

35 U.S.C. §103

Independent claims 1, 9, 19, 26, 33, 42, 47, and 51 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,175,845 to Smith (Smith) in view of one or more other references. Furthermore, all the claims that depend upon claims 1, 9, 19, 26, 33, 42, 47, and 51, are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of one or more other references.

The independent claims have been amended to further recite in some form that the fixed digital document cannot be modified using a character based application. This amendment finds support, for example, on page 4 of the specification. In contrast Smith teaches the use of HTML information, and particularly teaches the use of ASCII, RTF, Postscript, Bookmaster script, etc., all of which are formats that that may be modified using a character based application. As described in the specification, a goal is to be able to support an immutable or fixed document that cannot be modified, such that it cannot be tampered with. The teachings of Smith rely on a character based application to modify the document (e.g., HTML document) so that the document can be properly presented on a screen to a user.

1 Accordingly, a combination of Smith and any other reference fails to teach
2 or suggest every element of the claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-43 and 42-52, and the
3 rejection of claim 1-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-43 and 42-52 is therefore improper.
4 Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of 1-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-43
5 and 45-52 be withdrawn.
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Conclusion

Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-43 and 45-52 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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